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DIVISION OF ECONOMIC SERVICES
PUBLIC ASSISTANCE GRANTS - STATISTICAL REPORTS

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FINANCIAL STATEMENT - STATE FUNDS

Fiscal Year 1987 - 25.0% of the Year

September 1987

CATEGORY	AVAILABLE FOR YEAR	DISBURSED/ ENCUMBERED	UNENCUMBERED BALANCE	DISBURSED FUNDS AS PERCENT OF AVAILABLE FUNDS
AFDC	$ 12,945,000	$ 2,931,646	$ 10,013,354	22.6%
General Assistance	1,993,900	389,025	1,604,875	19.5%
Emergency Assistance	217,000	43,400	173,600	20.0%
SSI Supplementation	685,100	238,699	446,401	34.8%
TOTAL	$ 15,841,000	$ 3,602,770	$ 12,238,230	22.7%

Source: Statement of Appropriations and Account Balances

RAMAC: FY - 1988

PUBLIC ASSISTANCE MONTHLY STATISTICS

	July 1987	August	September	October
AFDC REGULAR:				
Payments	$1,986,225	$1,950,852	$1,939,068	
Cases	7,665	7,547	7,430	
Children	13,600	13,454	13,196	
Recipients	20,015	19,743	19,366	
AFDC-UP:				
Payments	$11,952	$12,697	$12,398	
Cases	45	46	46	
Children	99	104	107	
Recipients	175	183	187	
TOTAL AFDC:				
Payments	$1,998,177	$1,963,549	$1,951,466	
Cases	7,710	7,593	7,476	
Children	13,699	13,558	13,303	
Recipients	20,190	19,926	19,553	
GENERAL ASSISTANCE:				
Payments	$135,439	$130,329	$128,119	
Cases	1,116	1,073	1,057	
Children	502	494	472	
Recipients	1,402	1,365	1,303	
EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE:				
Payments	$30,865	$32,598	$34,164	
Cases	210	210	224	
FOOD STAMPS:				
Payments	$1,259,202	$1,266,417	$1,238,418	
Cases	10,425	10,176	10,063	
Recipients	28,147	27,474	27,171	
SSI STATE SUPPLEMENTATION:				
Payments	$56,744	$56,906	$54,032	
Cases-Recipients	472	473	446	
SSI FEDERAL PAYMENTS ONLY:				
Payments	$1,441,401	$1,450,561	$1,413,428	
Cases-Recipients	7,401	7,427	7,393	
TOTAL SSI:				
Payments	$1,498,145	$1,507,467	$1,467,460	
Cases-Recipients	7,486	7,513	7,461	

PUBLIC ASSISTANCE CUMULATIVE STATISTICS

	September 1987 Fiscal Year to Date	September 1986 Fiscal Year to Date	% Change
AFDC REGULAR			
Payments	$5,876,145	$5,957,845	-1.4%
Cases	7,547	7,928	-4.8%
Payments/Case	$259.52	$250.50	3.6%
Children	13,417	14,154	-5.2%
Recipients	19,708	20,961	-6.0%
Payments/Recipient	$99.39	$94.74	4.9%
AFDC-UP			
Payments	$37,047	$52,169	-29.0%
Cases	46	66	-30.8%
Payments/Case	$270.42	$262.16	3.1%
Children	103	163	-36.6%
Recipients	182	283	-35.8%
Payments/Recipient	$67.98	$61.38	10.7%
TOTAL AFDC			
Payments	$5,913,192	$6,010,014	-1.6%
Cases	7,593	7,994	-5.0%
Payments/Case	$259.59	$250.59	3.6%
Children	13,520	14,316	-5.6%
Recipients	19,890	21,245	-6.4%
Payments/Recipient	$99.10	$94.30	5.1%
GENERAL ASSISTANCE			
Payments	$393,887	$460,778	-14.5%
Cases	1,082	1,252	-13.6%
Payments/Case	$121.35	$122.65	-1.1%
Children	489	535	-8.5%
Recipients	1,357	1,629	-16.7%
Payments/Recipient	$96.78	$94.27	2.7%

PUBLIC ASSISTANCE CUMULATIVE STATISTICS

	September 1987 Fiscal Year to Date	September 1986 Fiscal Year to Date	% Change
EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE			
Payments	$97,627	$111,569	-12.5%
Cases	215	262	-18.1%
Payments/Case	$151.59	$141.76	6.9%
FOOD STAMPS			
Payments	$3,764,037	$4,149,230	-9.3%
Cases	10,221	11,212	-8.8%
Payments/Case	$122.75	$123.35	-0.5%
Recipients	27,597	30,273	-8.8%
Payments/Recipient	$45.46	$45.69	-0.5%
SSI STATE SUPPLEMENTATION			
Payments	$167,682	$161,780	3.6%
Cases-Recipients	464	446	4.0%
Payments/Case-Recipient	$120.55	$121.00	-0.4%
SSI FEDERAL PAYMENTS ONLY			
Payments	$4,305,390	$4,222,196	2.0%
Cases-Recipients	7,407	7,369	0.5%
Payments/Case-Recipient	$193.75	$191.00	1.4%
TOTAL SSI			
Payments	$4,473,072	$4,383,976	2.0%
Cases-Recipients	7,487	7,438	0.7%
Payments/Case-Recipient	$199.16	$196.48	1.4%

NOTE: All cumulative statistics other than expenditures represent monthly averages

COMPARATIVE CASE LOADS BY CATEGORY AND COUNTY

September 1987

		Total State	New Castle	Kent	Sussex
AFDC Regular:	Cases	7,430	4,581	1,536	1,313
	Recipients	19,366	11,882	4,117	3,367
AFDC-UP:	Cases	46	27	13	6
	Recipients	187	105	57	25
Total AFDC:	Cases	7,476	4,608	1,549	1,319
	Recipients	19,553	11,987	4,174	3,392
General Assistance:	Cases	1,057	668	212	177
	Recipients	1,303	795	265	243
Emergency Assistance:	Cases	224	169	24	31
Food Stamps:	Cases	10,063	6,303	2,209	1,551
	Recipients	27,171	17,018	5,964	4,189
SSI State Supplementation:	Cases-Recipients	446	222	65	159
SSI Federal Payments:	Cases-Recipients	7,393	4,035	1,484	1,874
Total SSI:	Cases-Recipients	7,461	4,064	1,497	1,900

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STATE OF DELAWARE
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES
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NEW CASTLE, DELAWARE 19720

MEMORANDUM

TO: Distribution

VIA: Linda Barnett LBB

FROM: Steve Groff SG

DATE: January 6, 1988

RE: Revised Highlights of Statistical Report on Public Assistance Grants Programs: July - September 1987.

Note Concerning Revisions

The following is a revision of the Quarterly Public Assistance memo dated December 15, 1987. The Blue Book for September, which is attached, has also been revised. Emergency Assistance expenditures for the month of July have been corrected to exclude $10,728 which represented transfers of funds between State Services Centers. Consequently, total expenditures and average payment per case for the quarter are approximately 10% lower than originally reported.

AFDC Program

Average monthly caseloads and expenditures for the total AFDC program declined between the first quarter of SFY 1987 and the first quarter of SFY 1988. The average monthly caseload dropped 5.0%, to a level of 7,593 cases. This was accompanied by a 6.4% decrease in the average monthly number of recipients; from 21,245 to 19,890.

AFDC payments showed a slight decline of 1.6% (to $5,913,192) when compared with first quarter data for SFY 1987. This is attributed to the reduction in caseload and the offsetting effect of a 4% increase in the payment level which became effective in October 1986. This increase in benefits is largely responsible for the 5.1% increase in the average payment per recipient.

A comparison of first quarter AFDC expenditures for the past five years shows SFY 1988 expenditures to be the lowest (see Figure 1). In contrast, the average payment per recipient ($99.10) has risen to its highest level.

General Assistance Program

For the fourth consecutive year, the General Assistance Program exhibited substantial reductions in caseload and expenditures in the first quarter. The average monthly caseload decreased 13.6% in SFY 1988 to a level of 1,082 cases. Further, the average monthly number of recipients dropped 16.7% as compared to same quarter in SFY 1987.

The average payment per case fell slightly (1.1%); however, this was somewhat offset by a lower recipient/case ratio in SFY 1988. Consequently, the average payment per recipient ($96.78) increased 2.7%.

The effect of these changes in enrollment and average grants was a 14.5% reduction in total GA expenditures (to $393,887). This represents the largest percentage decrease in expenditures among the public assistance programs for the first quarter of SFY 1988. Moreover, GA expenditures for the quarter were the lowest for the period from SFY 1984 to SFY 1988 (see Figure 2).

Emergency Assistance Program

Following a substantial increase in SFY 1987, Emergency Assistance expenditures declined during the first quarter of SFY 1988. Total spending decreased 12.5% during this period (to $97,627). Moreover, the average monthly caseload decreased 18.1%, to a level of 215 cases. Consequently, average payment per case ($151.29) rose 6.7%. This represents the highest first quarter average payment level for the last five years (see Figure 3).

Food Stamp Program

Food Stamp enrollment and expenditure levels continued a downward trend that began in SFY 1984 (see Figure 4). Total expenditures decreased 9.3% between SFY 1987 and SFY 1988, to a level of $3,764,037.

Both the average monthly caseload (10,221) and the average monthly number of recipients (27,597) dropped 8.8%. The average payment per case remained stable at roughly $123 per case.

SSI Program

Total SSI expenditures, unlike those of the other programs discussed, have steadily increased since SFY 1984. However, this rate of increase was much lower during the first quarter of SFY 1988. Total spending increased only 2.0% (to $4,473,072) as compared with the first quarter of SFY 1987. This reflects a 0.7% increase in the average monthly number of recipients and a 1.4% increase in the average payment per recipient.

SSI Federal cases, cases receiving part or all of their benefits from Federal sources, constitute the major component of the SSI program and exhibited similar changes to those mentioned above. The average number of recipients increased 0.5%, while average payment per recipient rose 1.4% (reflecting a 1.3% increase in the Federal Benefit Rate effective in January 1987). As a result, total expenditures increased 2.0%.

Changes in the State Supplementation program, while larger than those described for Federal payment recipients, reflect a return to trends exhibited prior to large increases in SFY 1987 (see Figure 5). Total payments increased 3.6% during the first quarter of SFY 1988 (to $167,682). This was the result of a 4.0% increase in the average monthly number of recipients. Average monthly payments remained stable at roughly $121 per recipient.

Attachment

FIGURE 1

TOTAL AFDC EXPENDITURES VS. AVERAGE PAYMENT/RECIPIENT FIRST QUARTER: STATE FISCAL YEARS 1984-1988

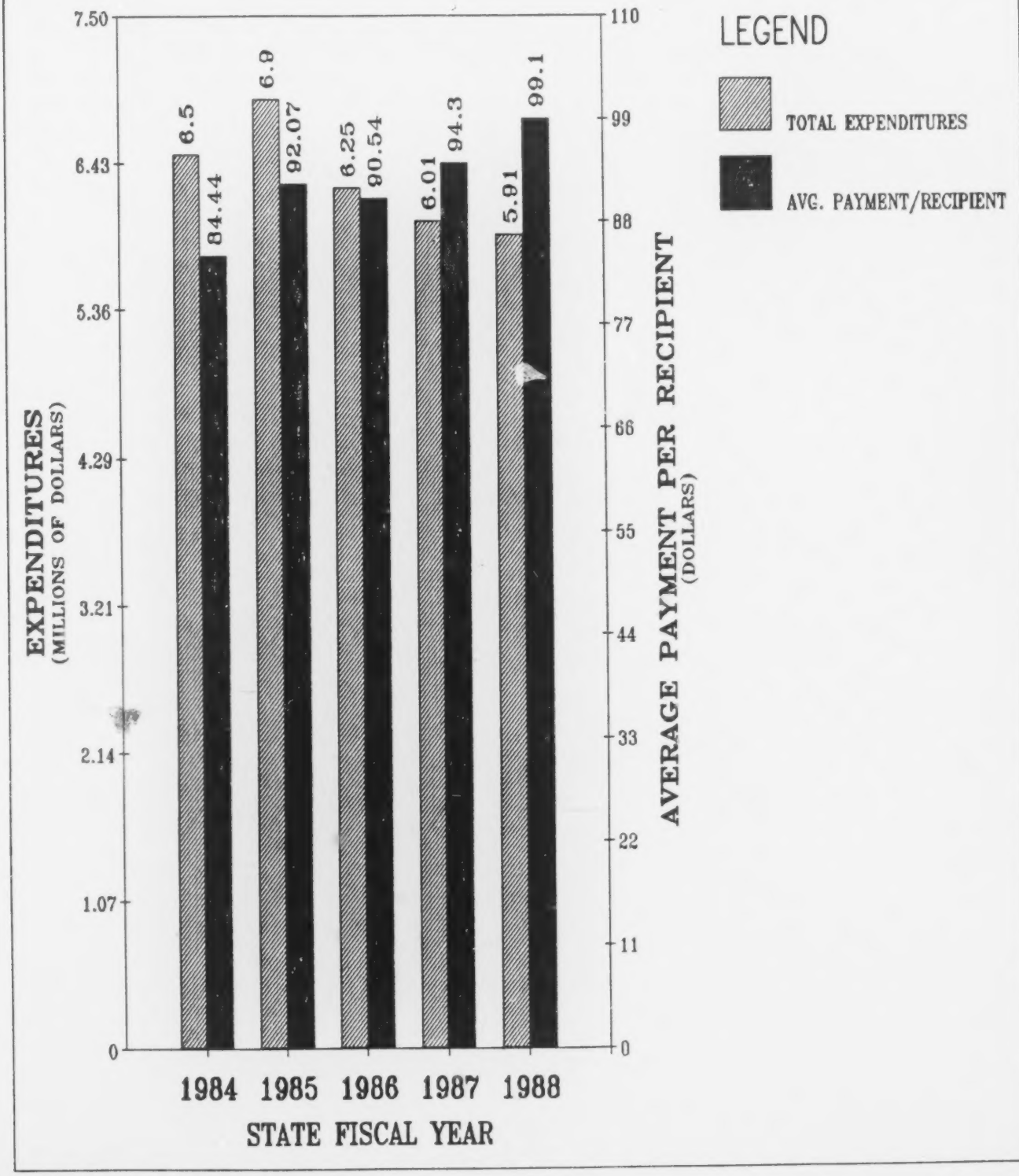


FIGURE 2

GENERAL ASSISTANCE EXPENDITURES VS AVG PAYMENT/RECIP.
FIRST QUARTER: STATE FISCAL YEARS 1984-1988

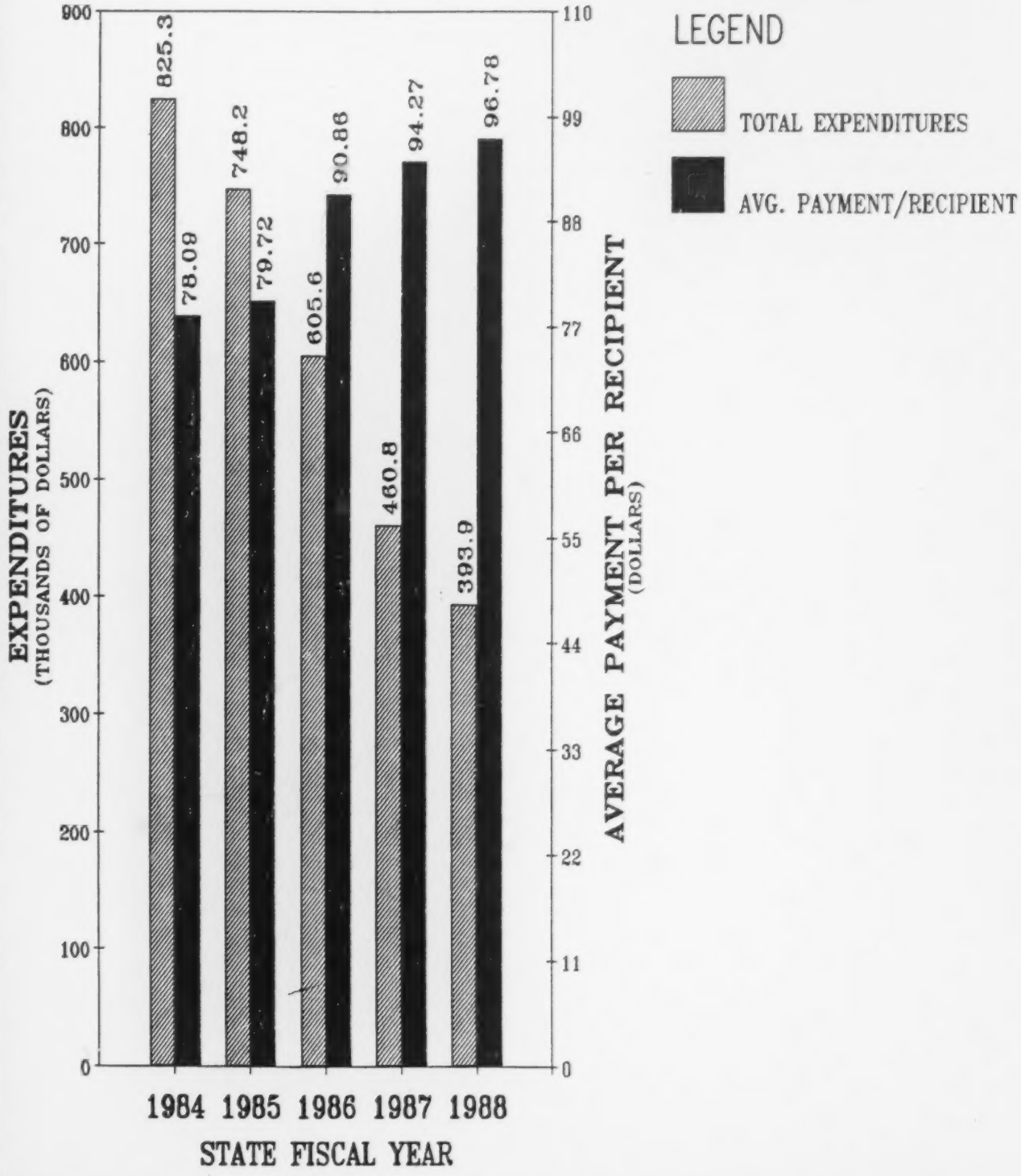


FIGURE 3

EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE EXPENDITURES VS AVG PAYMENT/CASE
FIRST QUARTER: STATE FISCAL YEARS 1984-1988

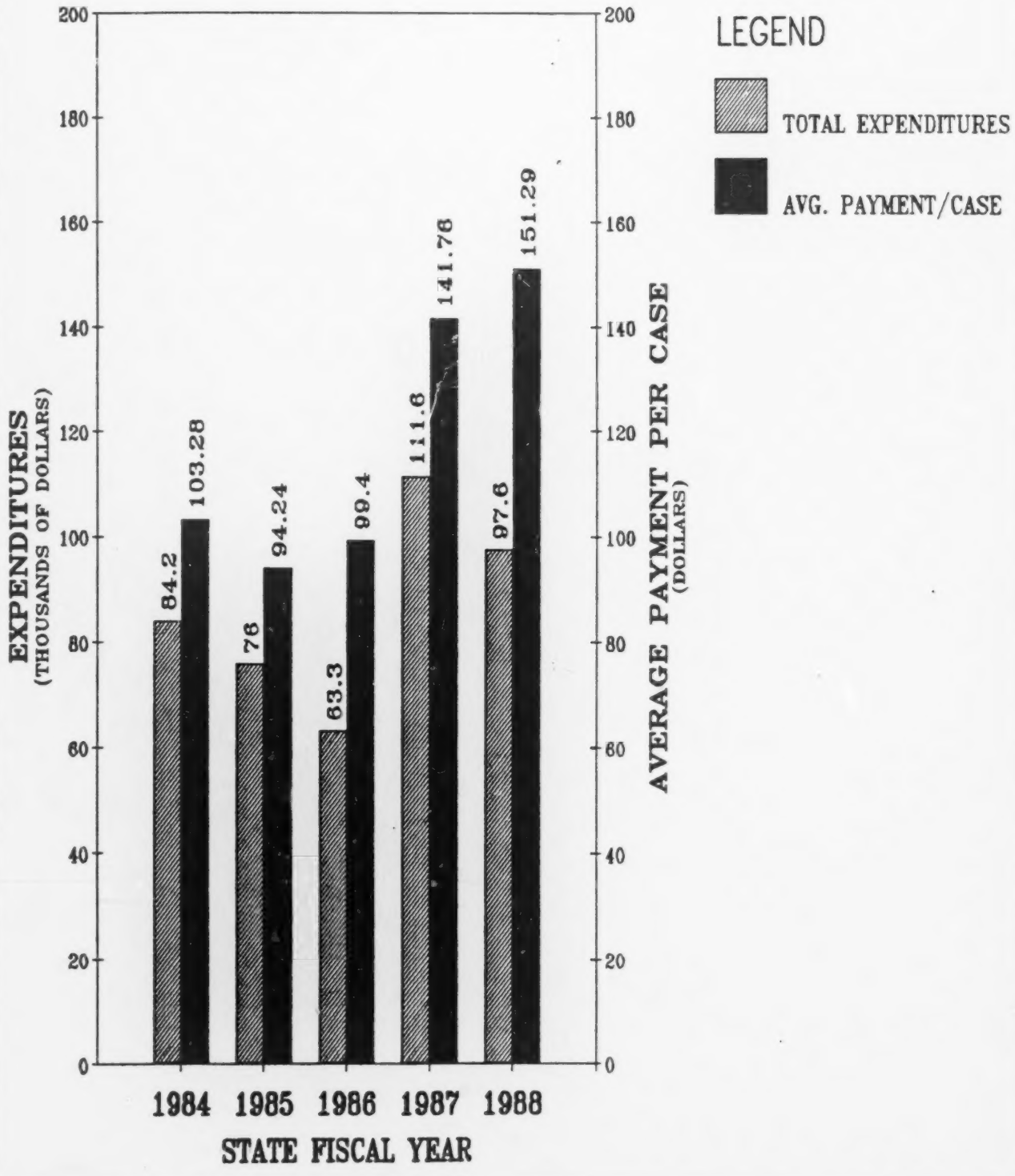


FIGURE 4

FOOD STAMP EXPENDITURES
FIRST QUARTER: STATE FISCAL YEARS 1984-1988

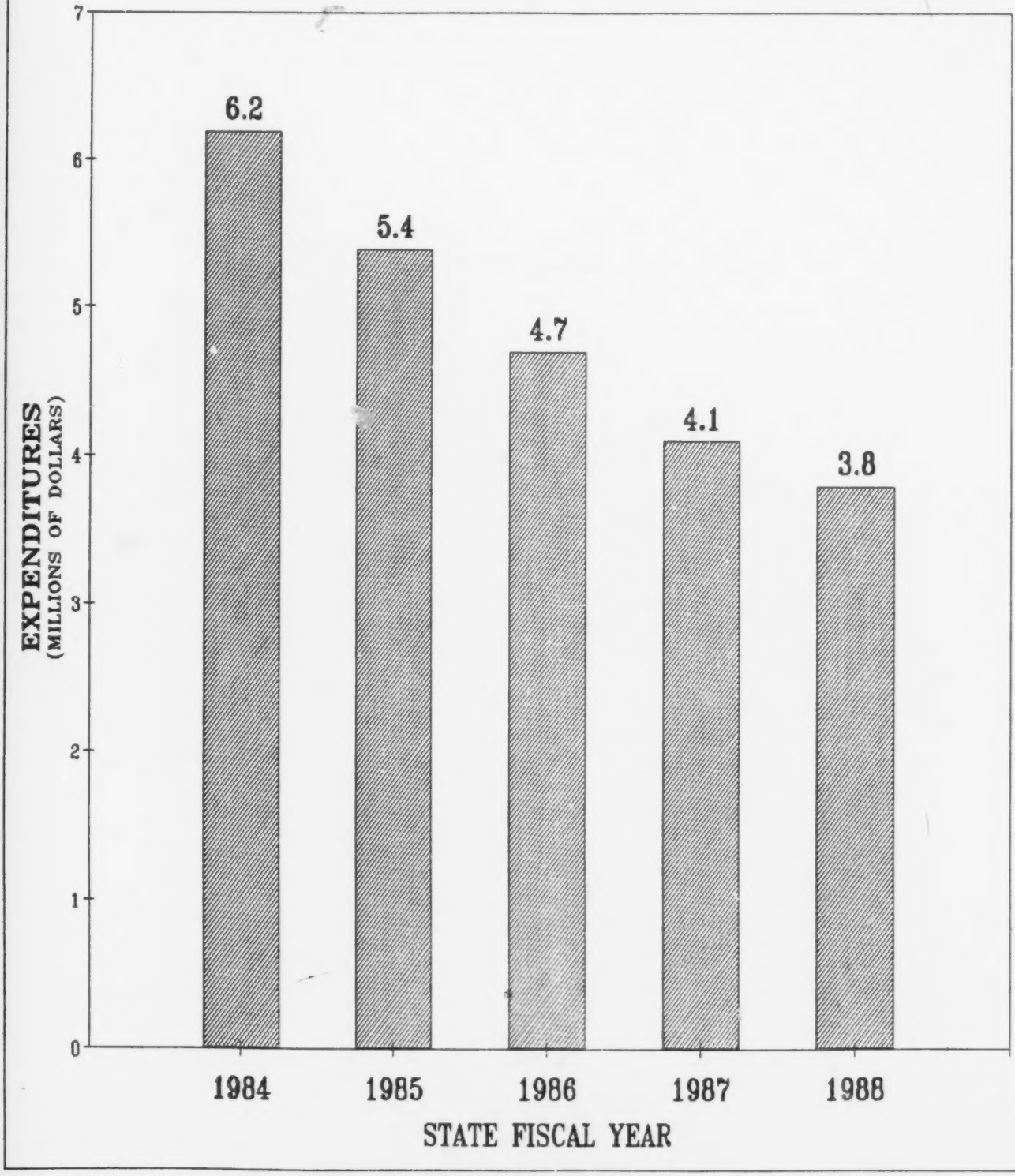
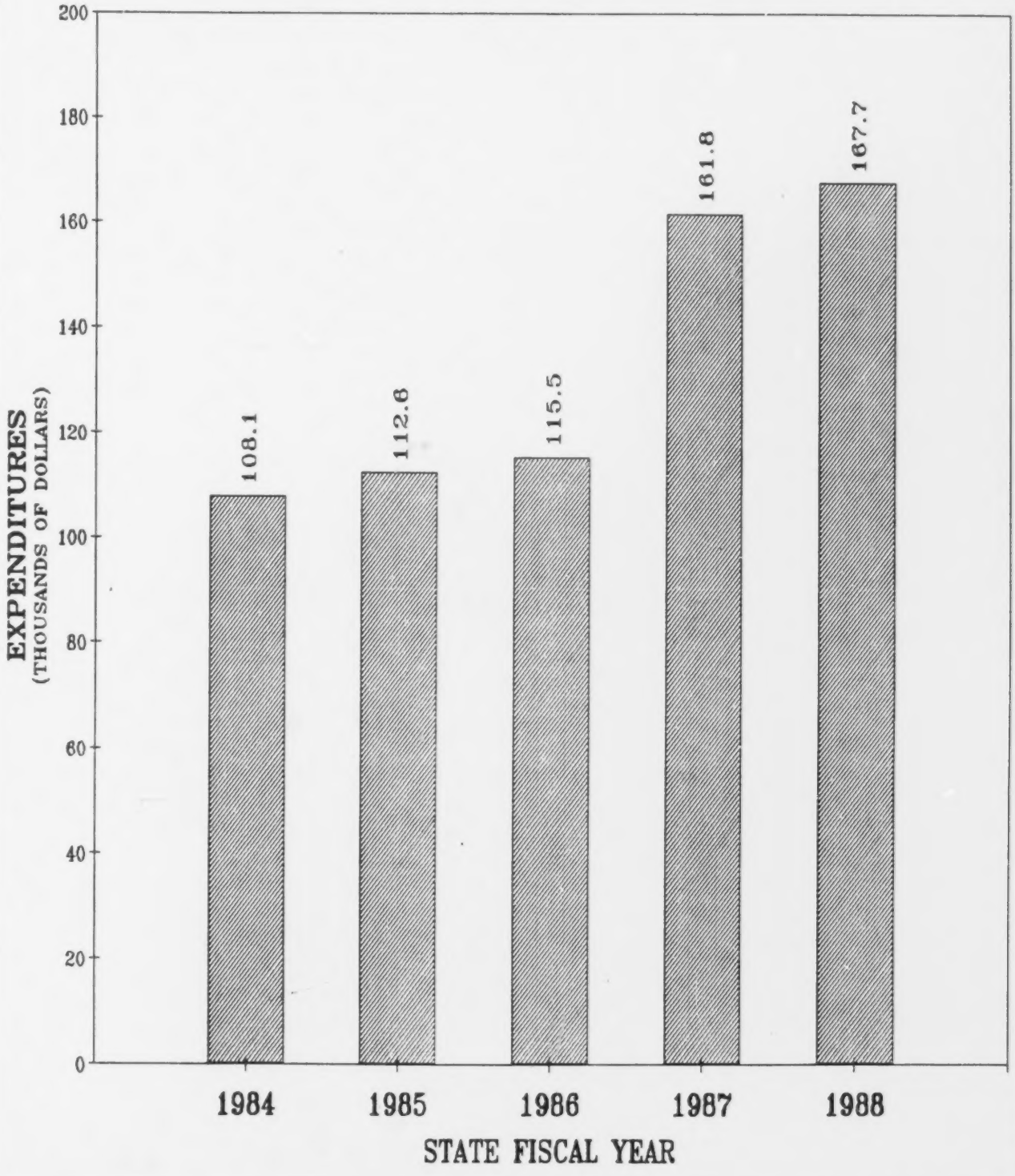


FIGURE 5

SSI STATE SUPPLEMENTATION EXPENDITURES FIRST QUARTER: STATE FISCAL YEARS 1984–1988



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AFDC	$ 12,945,000	$ 5,871,267	$ 7,073,733	45.4%
General Assistance	1,993,900	801,428	1,192,472	40.2%
Emergency Assistance	217,000	97,650	119,350	45.0%
SSI Supplementation	685,100	412,899	272,201	60.3%
TOTAL	$ 15,841,000	$ 7,183,244	$ 8,657,756	45.3%

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Cases-Recipients	7,486	7,513	7,461	7,531

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	November	December
AFDC REGULAR:		
Payments	$2,007,555	$2,034,859
Cases	7,482	7,671
Children	13,339	13,625
Recipients	19,531	19,967
AFDC-UP:		
Payments	$12,603	$14,259
Cases	44	52
Children	96	113
Recipients	171	202
TOTAL AFDC:		
Payments	$2,020,158	$2,049,118
Cases	7,526	7,723
Children	13,435	13,738
Recipients	19,702	20,169
GENERAL ASSISTANCE:		
Payments	$135,745	$138,354
Cases	1,079	1,120
Children	505	474
Recipients	1,360	1,378
EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE:		
Payments	$35,320	$42,529
Cases	238	293
FOOD STAMPS:		
Payments	$1,419,543	$1,528,108
Cases	10,432	10,655
Recipients	28,165	28,767
SSI STATE SUPPLEMENTATION:		
Payments	$57,798	$58,365
Cases-Recipients	479	483
SSI FEDERAL PAYMENTS ONLY:		
Payments	$1,459,104	$1,459,810
Cases-Recipients	7,500	7,506
TOTAL SSI:		
Payments	$1,516,902	$1,518,175
Cases-Recipients	7,593	7,597

PUBLIC ASSISTANCE CUMULATIVE STATISTICS

	December 1987 Fiscal Year to Date	December 1986 Fiscal Year to Date	% Change
AFDC REGULAR			
Payments	$11,958,528	$12,116,389	-1.3%
Cases	7,575	7,917	-4.3%
Payments/Case	$263.11	$255.08	3.1%
Children	13,465	13,969	-3.6%
Recipients	19,758	20,901	-5.5%
Payments/Recipient	$100.88	$96.62	4.4%
AFDC-UP			
Payments	$76,494	$109,164	-29.9%
Cases	45	65	-30.3%
Payments/Case	$281.23	$280.63	0.2%
Children	102	157	-35.1%
Recipients	180	276	-34.9%
Payments/Recipient	$70.96	$65.96	7.6%
TOTAL AFDC			
Payments	$12,035,022	$12,225,553	-1.6%
Cases	7,621	7,982	-4.5%
Payments/Case	$263.22	$255.29	3.1%
Children	13,566	14,126	-4.0%
Recipients	19,937	21,177	-5.9%
Payments/Recipient	$100.61	$96.22	4.6%
GENERAL ASSISTANCE			
Payments	$806,528	$930,862	-13.4%
Cases	1,095	1,275	-14.1%
Payments/Case	$122.78	$121.68	0.9%
Children	486	552	-11.9%
Recipients	1,363	1,657	-17.7%
Payments/Recipient	$98.61	$93.63	5.3%

PUBLIC ASSISTANCE CUMULATIVE STATISTICS

	December 1987 Fiscal Year to Date	December 1986 Fiscal Year to Date	% Change
EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE			
Payments	$217,633	$206,351	5.5%
Cases	243	242	0.3%
Payments/Case	$149.47	$142.31	5.0%
FOOD STAMPS			
Payments	$8,094,603	$8,353,316	-3.1%
Cases	10,314	11,251	-8.3%
Payments/Case	$130.81	$123.75	5.7%
Recipients	27,847	30,376	-8.3%
Payments/Recipient	$48.45	$45.83	5.7%
SSI STATE SUPPLEMENTATION			
Payments	$341,844	$326,280	4.8%
Cases-Recipients	472	449	5.2%
Payments/Case-Recipient	$120.67	$121.20	-0.4%
SSI FEDERAL PAYMENTS ONLY			
Payments	$8,676,162	$8,491,836	2.2%
Cases-Recipients	7,445	7,395	0.7%
Payments/Case-Recipient	$194.24	$191.40	1.5%
TOTAL SSI			
Payments	$9,018,006	$8,818,116	2.3%
Cases-Recipients	7,530	7,464	0.9%
Payments/Case-Recipient	$199.60	$196.91	1.4%

NOTE: All cumulative statistics other than expenditures represent monthly averages

COMPARATIVE CASE LOADS BY CATEGORY AND COUNTY

December 1987

		Total State	New Castle	Kent	Sussex
AFDC Regular:	Cases	7,671	4,561	1,676	1,434
	Recipients	19,967	11,823	4,438	3,706
AFDC-UP:	Cases	52	21	20	11
	Recipients	202	75	80	47
Total AFDC:	Cases	7,723	4,582	1,696	1,445
	Recipients	20,169	11,898	4,518	3,753
General Assistance:	Cases	1,120	661	239	220
	Recipients	1,378	777	301	300
Emergency Assistance:	Cases	293	170	43	80
Food Stamps:	Cases	10,655	6,333	2,440	1,882
	Recipients	28,767	17,098	6,589	5,080
SSI State Supplementation:	Cases-Recipients	483	252	70	161
SSI Federal Payments:	Cases-Recipients	7,506	4,039	1,548	1,919
Total SSI:	Cases-Recipients	7,597	4,090	1,562	1,945

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Distribution

VIA: Linda Barnett LAB

FROM: Steve Groff SG.

DATE: March 7, 1988

RE: Highlights of Statistical Report on Public Assistance Grants Programs: July - December 1987.

PUBLIC ASSISTANCE EXPENDITURES - SFY 1984 TO SFY 1988

Over $30 million in benefits, including Federal and State funding, were paid to Delaware recipients during the first six months of SFY 1988. This represents a 1.2% decrease ($362,406) from the same period in SFY 1987. A 13.4% decrease in General Assistance expenditures was the largest percentage decline among programs; however, this represented the smallest amount in actual dollars ($124,334). The Food Stamp program experienced the greatest dollar savings ($258,713), reflecting a 3.1% reduction in payments. A 1.6% decrease in AFDC expenditures was associated with a $190,531 reduction in spending. In contrast, SSI expenditures increased 2.3% ($199,890) and Emergency Assistance payments increased 5.5% ($11,282).

The Department disbursed $7.2 million in State funds during the first half of SFY 1988. This represents a 4.4% ($332,082) decrease from the same period in SFY 1987. The AFDC and General Assistance programs experienced reductions of 3.7% ($228,686) and 12.5% ($114,947) respectively. Emergency Assistance expenditures remained constant, while spending on the SSI Supplementation program increased 2.9% ($11,551).

The distribution of total expenditures and State disbursements by type of program for the first half of SFY 1988 is shown in Figure 1. AFDC expenditures represented the largest share (39.9%) of total spending during this period. SSI expenditures (29.9%) slightly exceeded Food Stamp expenditures (26.8%). Emergency Assistance and General Assistance, together, accounted for less than 5% of total expenditures.

The AFDC program also constituted the largest proportion (81.7%) of State spending for the period. General Assistance expenditures accounted for 11.2% of State disbursements. Remaining State-funded programs -- Emergency Assistance and SSI State Supplementation -- comprised less than 10% of State expenditures.

AFDC PROGRAM

Average monthly caseloads and expenditures for the total AFDC program declined during the first six months of SFY 1988 as compared to the same period in SFY 1987. The average monthly caseload dropped 4.5%, to a level of 7,621 cases. This was accompanied by a 5.9% decrease in the average monthly number of recipients; from 21,177 to 19,937.

AFDC payments showed a slight decline of 1.6% when compared with data form the first half of SFY 1987. This is attributed to the reduction in caseload and the offsetting effect of a 3% increase in the payment level which became effective in October 1987. This increase in benefits is largely responsible for the 4.6% increase in the average payment per recipient.

A comparison of AFDC expenditures for the past five years shows SFY 1988 expenditures to be the lowest (see Figure 2). In contrast, the average payment per recipient ($100.61) has risen to its highest level.

GENERAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

For the fourth consecutive year, the General Assistance Program exhibited substantial reductions in caseload and expenditures. The average monthly caseload of 1,095 represented a 14.1% decrease during the first six months of SFY 1988 as compared to the same period in SFY 1987. Further, the average monthly number of recipients dropped 17.7%.

The average payment per case rose 0.9% during the first half of SFY 1988. This was the result of a 3% increase in the payment level effective in October 1987, slightly offset by a 4.2% decrease in the average number of recipients per case. In contrast, the average payment per recipient rose 5.3%.

The effect of these changes in enrollment and average grants was a 13.4% reduction in total GA expenditures. Figure 3 shows that this is the lowest level of GA expenditures for the period from SFY 1984 to SFY 1988. In contrast, the average payment per recipient has continued to increase to a level of $98.61.

EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Emergency Assistance expenditures increased 5.5% during the first half of SFY 1988 as compared to the same period in SFY 1987. Average caseloads, however, increased only 0.4%, an increase of only 1 case per month. Consequently, average payment per case ($149.47) rose 5.0%. This represents the highest average payment level for the last five years (see Figure 4).

FOOD STAMP PROGRAM

Food Stamp enrollment and expenditure levels continued a downward trend that began in SFY 1984 (see Figure 5). However, reductions in spending are less substantial than those observed in previous years. Total expenditures decreased 3.1% during the first half of SFY 1988 as compared to the same period in SFY 1987.

Both the average monthly caseload (10,314) and the average monthly number of recipients (27,847) dropped 8.3%. The average payment per recipient ($48.45) increased 5.7%. This increase in the average payment is partially attributable to a 7% increase in Food Stamp benefits which became effective in October 1987.

SSI PROGRAM

Total SSI expenditures, unlike those of the other programs discussed, have steadily increased since SFY 1984. However, this rate of increase was much lower during the first half of SFY 1988. Total spending increased only 2.3% as compared to the first half of SFY 1987. This reflects a 0.9% increase in the average monthly number of recipients and a 1.4% increase in the average payment per recipient.

SSI Federal cases, cases receiving part or all of their benefits from Federal sources, constitute the major component of the SSI program and exhibited similar changes to those mentioned above. The average number of recipients increased 0.7%, while average payment per recipient rose 1.5% (reflecting a 1.3% increase in the Federal Benefit Rate effective in January 1987). As a result, total expenditures increased 2.2%.

Changes in the State Supplementation program, while larger than those described for Federal payment recipients, reflect a return to trends exhibited prior to large increases in SFY 1987 (see Figure 6). Total payments increased 4.8% during the first half of SFY 1988. This was the result of a 5.1% increase in the average monthly number of recipients. Average monthly payments remained stable at roughly $121 per recipient, following a 17.6% increase between SFY 1986 and SFY 1987.

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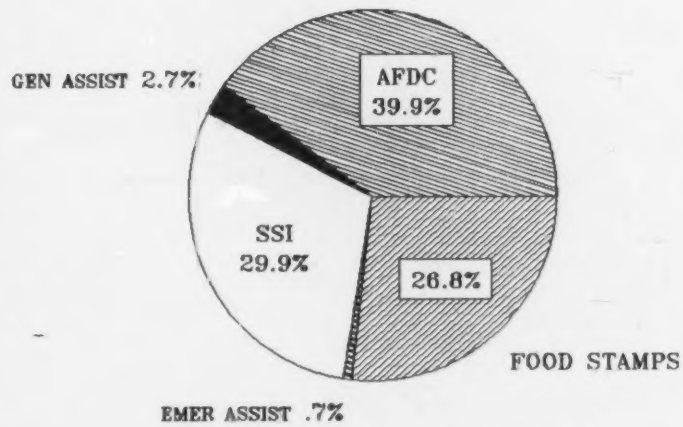
FIGURE 1

DISTRIBUTION OF EXPENDITURES BY PROGRAM

JULY–DECEMBER: STATE FISCAL YEAR 1988



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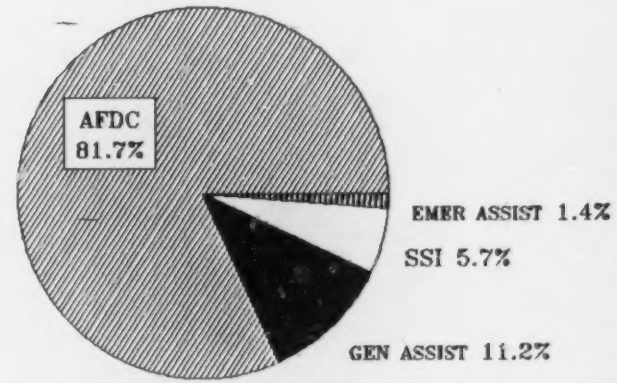

STATE DISBURSEMENT: $7,183,244

FIGURE 2

TOTAL AFDC EXPENDITURES VS. AVERAGE PAYMENT/RECIPIENT

JULY–DECEMBER: STATE FISCAL YEARS 1984–1988

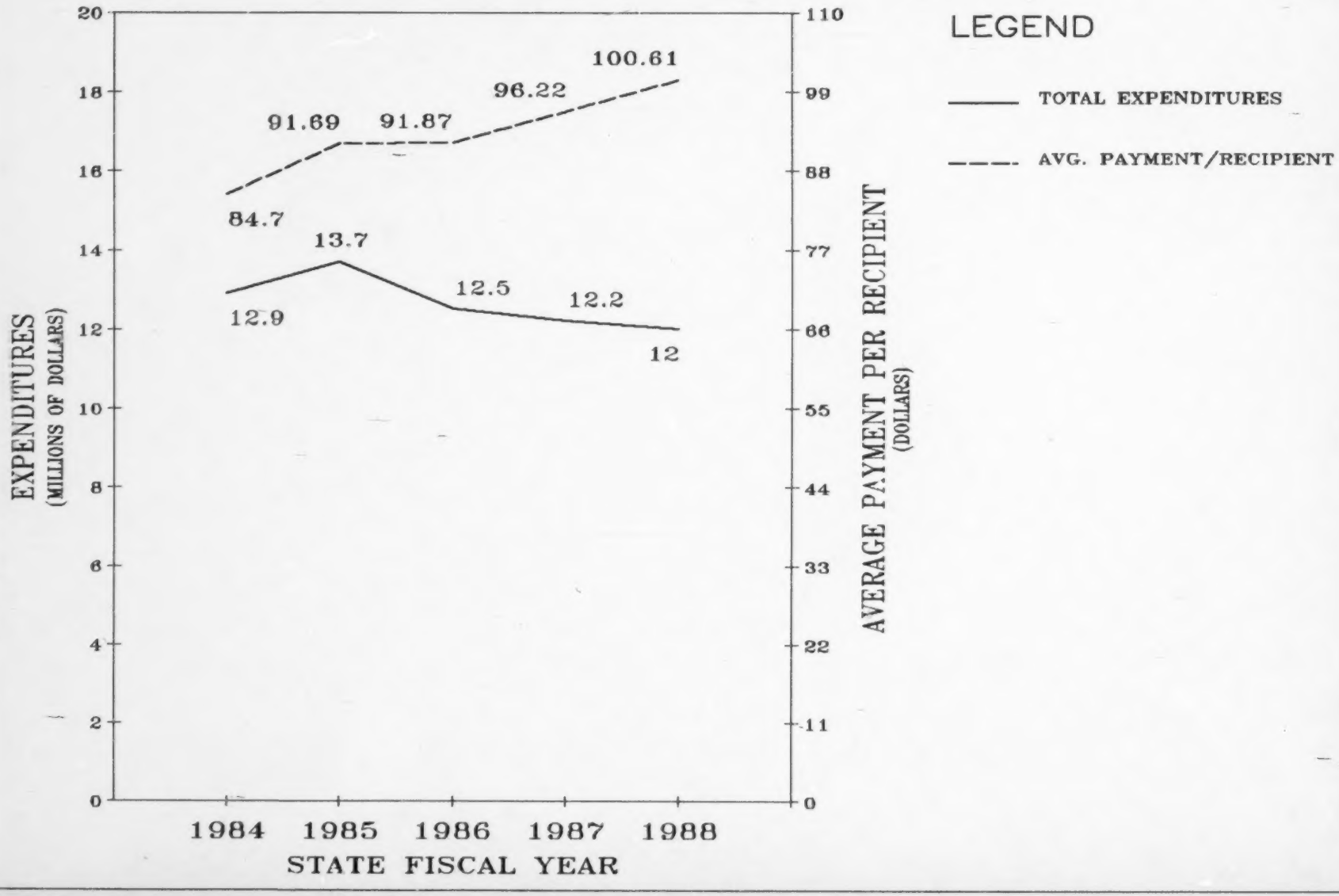

FIGURE 3

GENERAL ASSISTANCE EXPENDITURES VS AVG PAYMENT/RECIP.

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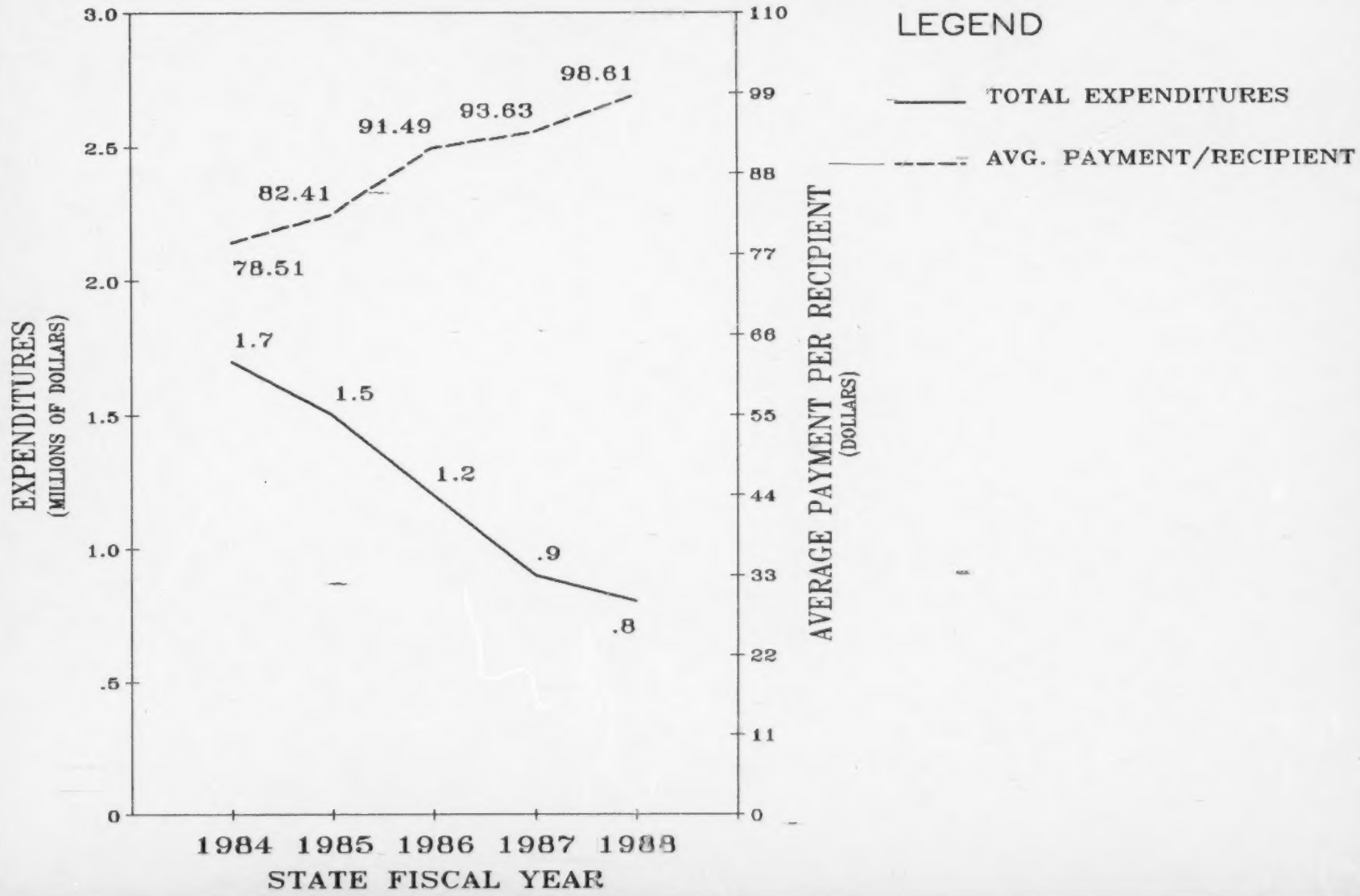

FIGURE 4

EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE EXPENDITURES VS AVG PAYMENT/CASE

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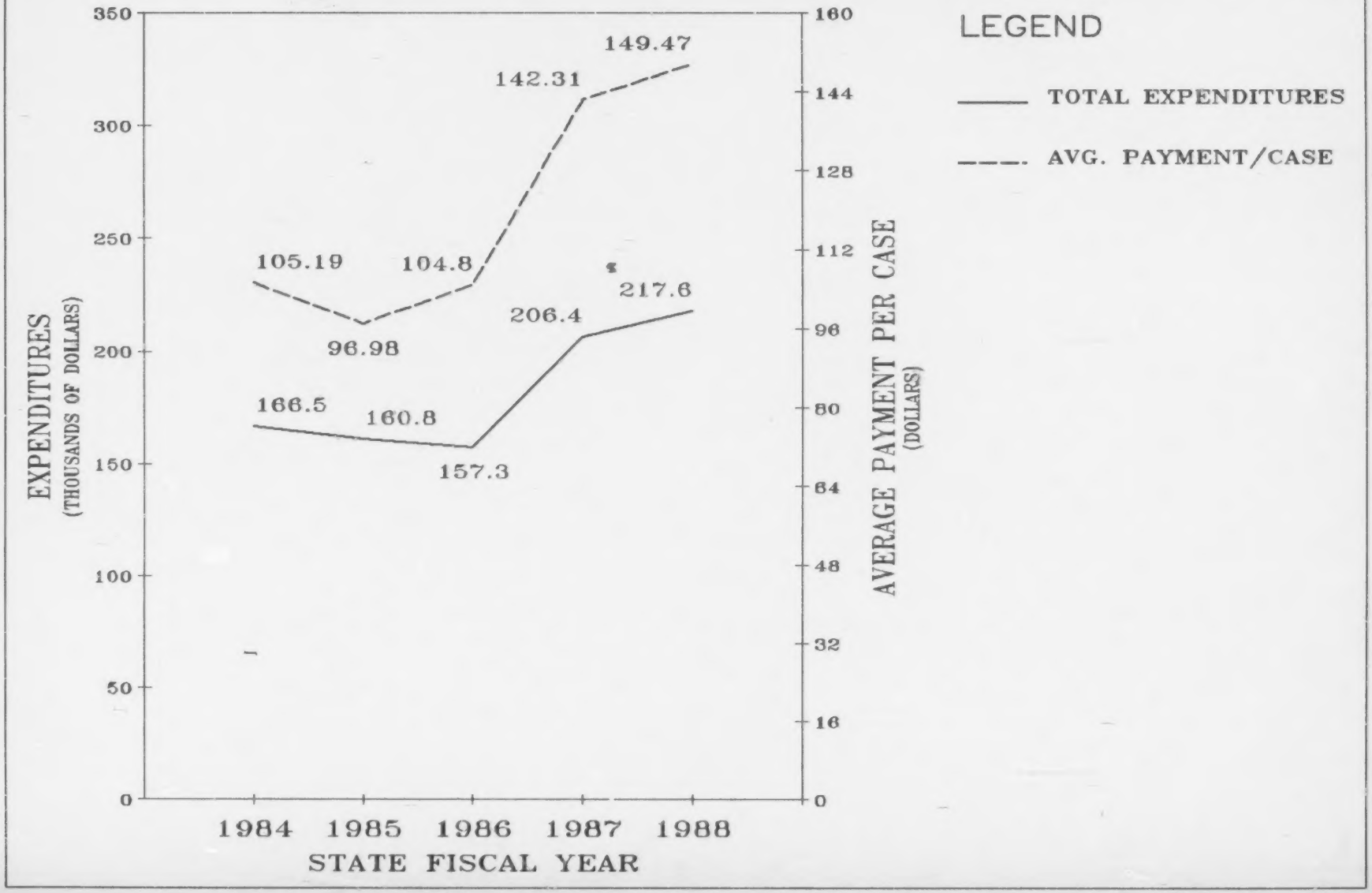

FIGURE 5

FOOD STAMP EXPENDITURES VS AVG. PAYMENT PER RECIPIENT

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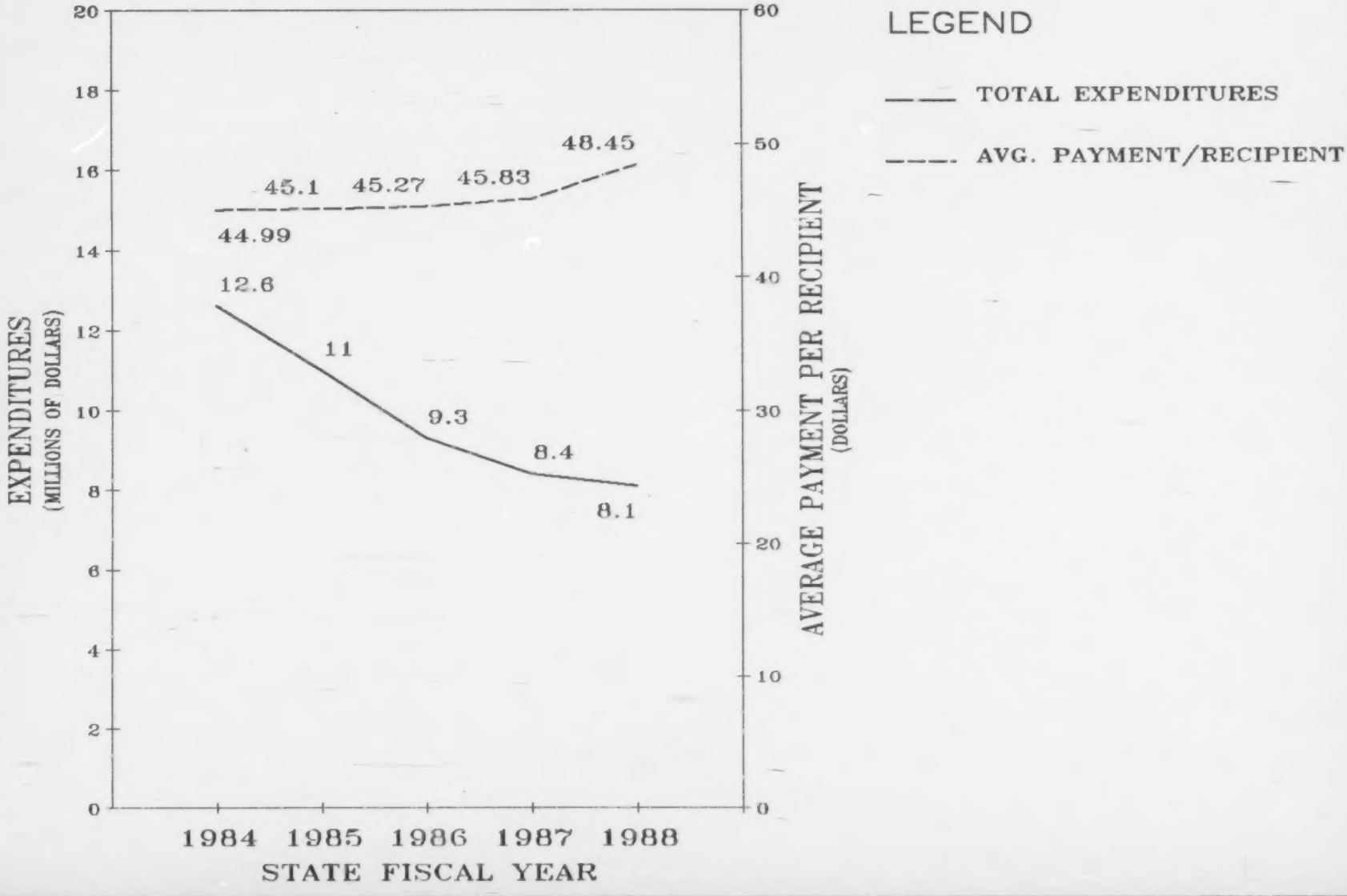
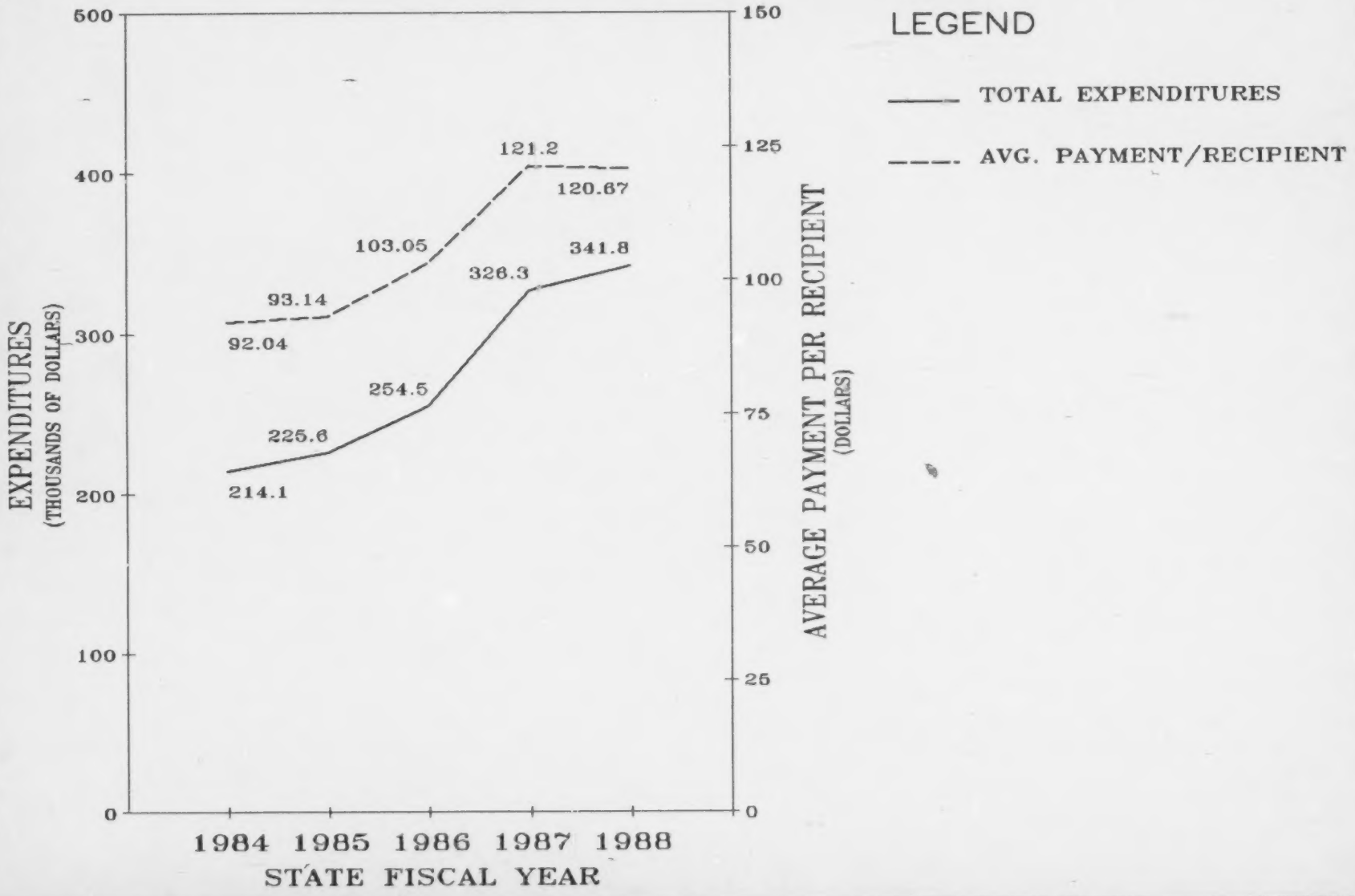


FIGURE 6

SSI STATE SUPPLEMENTATION EXPENDITURES VS AVG PAYMENT

JULY–DECEMBER: STATE FISCAL YEARS 1984–1988



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FINANCIAL STATEMENT - STATE FUNDS

Fiscal Year 1988 - 75.0% of the Year

March 1988

CATEGORY	AVAILABLE FOR YEAR	DISBURSED/ ENCUMBERED	UNENCUMBERED BALANCE	DISBURSED FUNDS AS PERCENT OF AVAILABLE FUNDS
AFDC	$ 12,945,000	$ 8,797,804	$ 4,147,196	68.0%
General Assistance	1,945,900	1,214,426	731,474	62.4%
Emergency Assistance	217,000	162,750	54,250	75.0%
SSI Supplementation	685,100	599,599	85,501	87.5%
TOTAL	$ 15,793,000	$ 10,774,579	$ 5,018,421	68.2%

Source: Statement of Appropriations and Account Balances

RAMAC: FY - 1988

PUBLIC ASSISTANCE MONTHLY STATISTICS

	July 1987	August	September	October
AFDC REGULAR:				
Payments	$1,986,225	$1,950,852	$1,939,068	$2,039,969
Cases	7,665	7,547	7,430	7,656
Children	13,600	13,454	13,196	13,573
Recipients	20,015	19,743	19,366	19,924
AFDC-UP:				
Payments	$11,952	$12,697	$12,398	$12,585
Cases	45	46	46	39
Children	99	104	107	92
Recipients	175	183	187	160
TOTAL AFDC:				
Payments	$1,998,177	$1,963,549	$1,951,466	$2,052,554
Cases	7,710	7,593	7,476	7,695
Children	13,699	13,558	13,303	13,665
Recipients	20,190	19,926	19,553	20,084
GENERAL ASSISTANCE:				
Payments	$135,439	$130,329	$128,119	$138,542
Cases	1,116	1,073	1,057	1,124
Children	502	494	472	471
Recipients	1,402	1,365	1,303	1,371
EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE:				
Payments	$30,865	$32,598	$34,164	$42,157
Cases	210	210	224	281
FOOD STAMPS:				
Payments	$1,259,202	$1,266,417	$1,238,418	$1,382,915
Cases	10,425	10,176	10,063	10,130
Recipients	28,147	27,474	27,171	27,355
SSI STATE SUPPLEMENTATION:				
Payments	$56,744	$56,906	$54,032	$57,999
Cases-Recipients	472	473	446	480
SSI FEDERAL PAYMENTS ONLY:				
Payments	$1,441,401	$1,450,561	$1,413,428	$1,451,858
Cases-Recipients	7,401	7,427	7,393	7,441
TOTAL SSI:				
Payments	$1,498,145	$1,507,467	$1,467,460	$1,509,857
Cases-Recipients	7,486	7,513	7,461	7,531

PUBLIC ASSISTANCE MONTHLY STATISTICS

	November	December	January 1988	February
AFDC REGULAR:				
Payments	$2,007,555	$2,034,859	$2,007,985	$2,014,102
Cases	7,482	7,671	7,506	7,553
Children	13,339	13,625	13,303	13,366
Recipients	19,531	19,967	19,524	19,616
AFDC-UP:				
Payments	$12,603	$14,259	$14,832	$15,964
Cases	44	52	52	65
Children	96	113	113	134
Recipients	171	202	207	245
TOTAL AFDC:				
Payments	$2,020,158	$2,049,118	$2,022,817	$2,030,066
Cases	7,526	7,723	7,558	7,618
Children	13,435	13,738	13,416	13,500
Recipients	19,702	20,169	19,731	19,861
GENERAL ASSISTANCE:				
Payments	$135,745	$138,354	$134,706	$141,337
Cases	1,079	1,120	1,077	1,134
Children	505	474	478	525
Recipients	1,360	1,378	1,346	1,450
EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE:				
Payments	$35,320	$42,529	$29,987	$28,387
Cases	238	293	190	187
FOOD STAMPS:				
Payments	$1,419,543	$1,528,108	$1,509,263	$1,576,435
Cases	10,432	10,655	10,506	10,967
Recipients	28,165	28,767	28,365	29,609
SSI STATE SUPPLEMENTATION:				
Payments	$57,798	$58,365	$58,844	$59,340
Cases-Recipients	479	483	483	484
SSI FEDERAL PAYMENTS ONLY:				
Payments	$1,459,104	$1,459,810	$1,529,913	$1,520,747
Cases-Recipients	7,500	7,506	7,528	7,518
TOTAL SSI:				
Payments	$1,516,902	$1,518,175	$1,588,757	$1,580,087
Cases-Recipients	7,593	7,597	7,614	7,607

PUBLIC ASSISTANCE MONTHLY STATISTICS

	March	April	May	June
AFDC REGULAR:				
Payments	$2,012,959			
Cases	7,526			
Children	13,401			
Recipients	19,605			
AFDC-UP:				
Payments	$17,053			
Cases	58			
Children	133			
Recipients	234			
TOTAL AFDC:				
Payments	$2,030,012			
Cases	7,584			
Children	13,534			
Recipients	19,839			
GENERAL ASSISTANCE:				
Payments	$137,704			
Cases	1,104			
Children	510			
Recipients	1,396			
EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE:				
Payments	$26,985			
Cases	171			
FOOD STAMPS:				
Payments	$1,644,285			
Cases	11,236			
Recipients	30,341			
SSI STATE SUPPLEMENTATION:				
Payments	$60,083			
Cases-Recipients	493			
SSI FEDERAL PAYMENTS ONLY:				
Payments	$1,521,128			
Cases-Recipients	7,502			
TOTAL SSI:				
Payments	$1,581,211			
Cases-Recipients	7,596			

PUBLIC ASSISTANCE CUMULATIVE STATISTICS

	March 1988 Fiscal Year to Date	March 1987 Fiscal Year to Date	% Change
AFDC REGULAR			
Payments	$17,993,574	$18,210,789	-1.2%
Cases	7,560	7,881	-4.1%
Payments/Case	$264.47	$256.74	3.0%
Children	13,429	13,946	-3.7%
Recipients	19,699	20,776	-5.2%
Payments/Recipient	$101.49	$97.39	4.2%
AFDC-UP			
Payments	$124,343	$172,867	-28.1%
Cases	50	70	-29.0%
Payments/Case	$278.17	$275.70	0.9%
Children	110	164	-32.9%
Recipients	196	291	-32.6%
Payments/Recipient	$70.49	$66.08	6.7%
TOTAL AFDC			
Payments	$18,117,917	$18,383,656	-1.4%
Cases	7,609	7,951	-4.3%
Payments/Case	$264.56	$256.90	3.0%
Children	13,539	14,110	-4.0%
Recipients	19,895	21,067	-5.6%
Payments/Recipient	$101.19	$96.96	4.4%
GENERAL ASSISTANCE			
Payments	$1,220,275	$1,396,241	-12.6%
Cases	1,098	1,281	-14.3%
Payments/Case	$123.46	$121.09	2.0%
Children	492	544	-9.5%
Recipients	1,375	1,643	-16.3%
Payments/Recipient	$98.64	$94.40	4.5%

PUBLIC ASSISTANCE CUMULATIVE STATISTICS

	March 1988 Fiscal Year to Date	March 1987 Fiscal Year to Date	% Change
EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE			
Payments	$302,992	$299,447	1.2%
Cases	223	227	-1.9%
Payments/Case	$151.19	$146.29	3.4%
FOOD STAMPS			
Payments	$12,824,586	$12,686,571	1.1%
Cases	10,510	11,237	-6.5%
Payments/Case	$135.58	$125.45	8.1%
Recipients	28,377	30,329	-6.4%
Payments/Recipient	$50.21	$46.48	8.0%
SSI STATE SUPPLEMENTATION			
Payments	$520,111	$493,173	5.5%
Cases-Recipients	477	453	5.3%
Payments/Case-Recipient	$121.15	$120.94	0.2%
SSI FEDERAL PAYMENTS ONLY			
Payments	$13,247,950	$12,824,192	3.3%
Cases-Recipients	7,468	7,408	0.8%
Payments/Case-Recipient	$197.10	$192.34	2.5%
TOTAL SSI			
Payments	$13,768,061	$13,317,365	3.4%
Cases-Recipients	7,555	7,479	1.0%
Payments/Case-Recipient	$202.48	$197.85	2.3%

NOTE: All cumulative statistics other than expenditures represent monthly averages

COMPARATIVE CASE LOADS BY CATEGORY AND COUNTY

MARCH 1988

		Total State	New Castle	Kent	Sussex
AFDC Regular:	Cases	7,526	4,465	1,618	1,443
	Recipients	19,605	11,567	4,306	3,732
AFDC-UP:	Cases	58	23	22	13
	Recipients	234	86	92	56
Total AFDC:	Cases	7,584	4,488	1,640	1,456
	Recipients	19,839	11,653	4,398	3,788
General Assistance:	Cases	1,104	643	241	220
	Recipients	1,396	772	308	316
Emergency Assistance:	Cases	171	107	22	42
Food Stamps:	Cases	11,236	6,541	2,624	2,071
	Recipients	30,341	17,662	7,086	5,593
SSI State Supplementation:	Cases-Recipients	493	261	69	163
SSI Federal Payments:	Cases-Recipients	7,502	4,058	1,536	1,908
Total SSI:	Cases-Recipients	7,596	4,111	1,549	1,936

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Distribution

VIA: Linda Barnett LBB

FROM: Steve Groff SG.

DATE: June 24, 1988

RE: Highlights of Statistical Report on Public Assistance Grants Programs: July 1987 - March 1988.

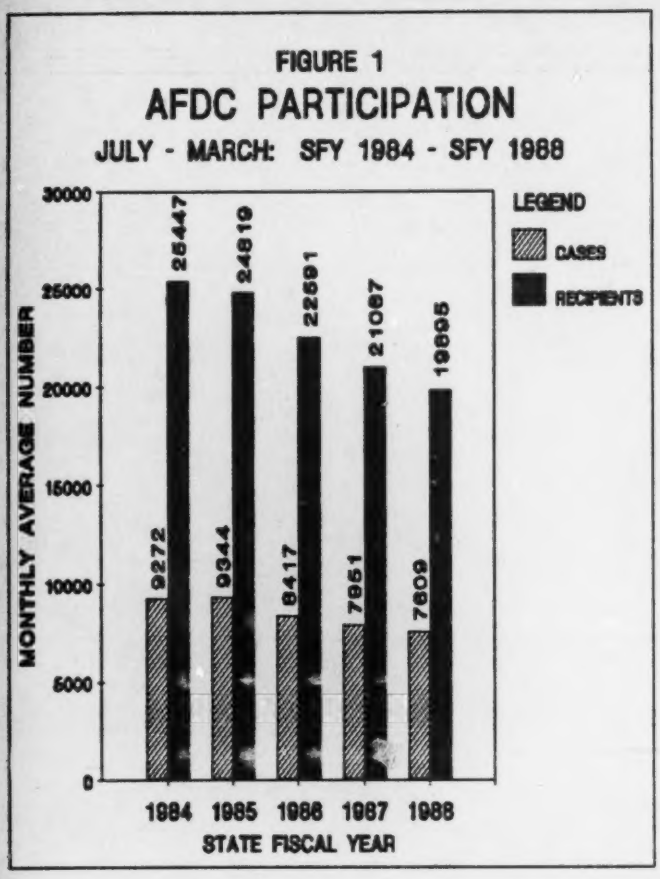
PUBLIC ASSISTANCE EXPENDITURES: SFY 1987 vs. SFY 1988

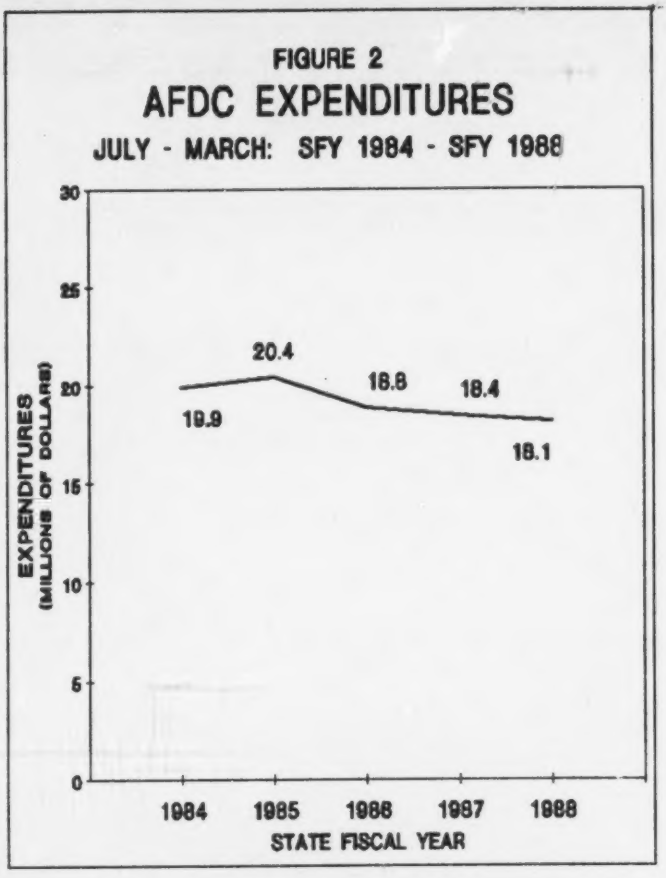
Over $46 million in benefits, including Federal and State funding, were paid to Delaware public assistance recipients during the first nine months of SFY 1988. This represents a 0.3% increase ($150,551) from the same period in SFY 1987. A 12.6% decrease in General Assistance expenditures was the largest percentage decline among programs; representing a savings of $175,966. A 1.4% decrease in AFDC expenditures was associated with a $265,739 reduction in spending. In contrast, SSI expenditures increased 3.4% ($450,696). Food Stamp and Emergency Assistance expenditures also experienced small increases of 1.1% ($138,015) and 1.2% ($3,545) respectively.

The Department disbursed $10.8 million in State funds during the first nine months of SFY 1988. This represents a 4.5% ($502,601) decrease from the same period in SFY 1987. The AFDC and General Assistance programs experienced reductions of 4.1% ($378,568) and 12.5% ($174,084) respectively. Emergency Assistance expenditures remained constant, while spending on the SSI Supplementation program increased 9.1% ($50,051).

AFDC PROGRAM

Average monthly caseloads and expenditures for the total AFDC program declined during the first nine months of SFY 1988 as compared to the same period in SFY 1987. The average monthly caseload dropped 4.3%, to a level of 7,609 cases. This was accompanied by a 5.6% decrease in the average monthly number of recipients; from 21,067 to 19,895. A comparison of AFDC participation over the past five years (Figure 1) reveals a continuing downward trend.





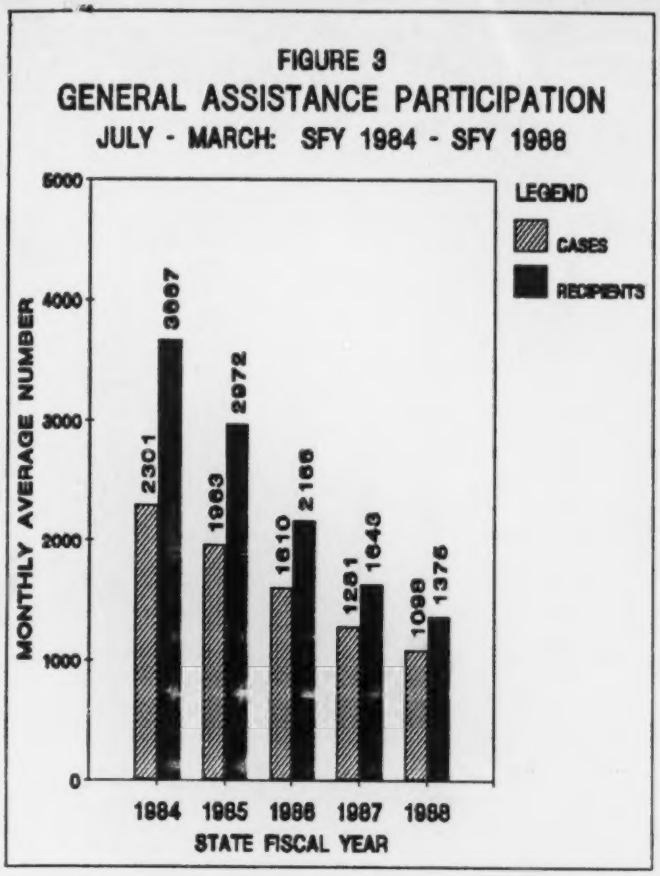
A 3% increase in the AFDC payment level which became effective in October 1987 is largely responsible for a 4.4% increase in the average payment per recipient. The average payment per recipient increased from $96.96 during the first three quarters of SFY 1987 to $101.19 during the same period in SFY 1988.

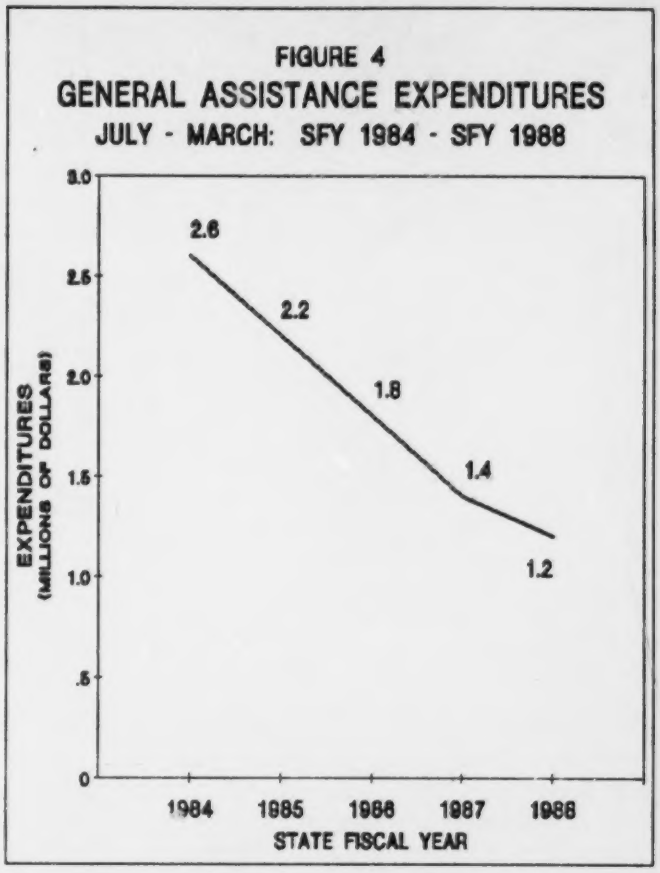
Despite increases in average payments, total AFDC spending decreased 1.4% during the first nine months of SFY 1988. This can be attributed to the offsetting effect of reduced caseloads. Total expenditures of $18.1 million represent the lowest level in five years for this reporting period (Figure 2).

GENERAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

For the fourth consecutive year, the General Assistance Program exhibited substantial reductions in caseload and expenditures. The average monthly caseload of 1,098 represents a 14.3% decrease during the first nine months of SFY 1988 as compared to the same period in SFY 1987. This was associated with a 16.3% reduction in the average monthly number of recipients; from 1,643 to 1,375. Moreover, the average monthly number of General Assistance cases and recipients have dropped by more than 50% since SFY 1984 (Figure 3).

The average payment per recipient rose 4.5% (from $94.40 in SFY 1987 to $98.64 in SFY 1988) during this reporting period. This is associated with a 3% increase in the payment level effective in October 1987.





The effect of these changes in enrollment and average grants was a 12.6% reduction in total General Assistance expenditures during the first three quarters of SFY 1988. Total payments for this period totaled $1.2 million. This represents a 52.9% decrease from the same period in SFY 1984 (Figure 4).

EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Emergency Assistance expenditures increased 1.2% (to $302,992) during the first nine months of SFY 1988 as compared to the same period in SFY 1987. In contrast, average monthly caseloads decreased 1.9%. However, this represents a decline of only 4 cases per month. These changes were associated with a 3.4% increase in the average payment per case from $146.29 in SFY 1987 to $151.19 in SFY 1988.

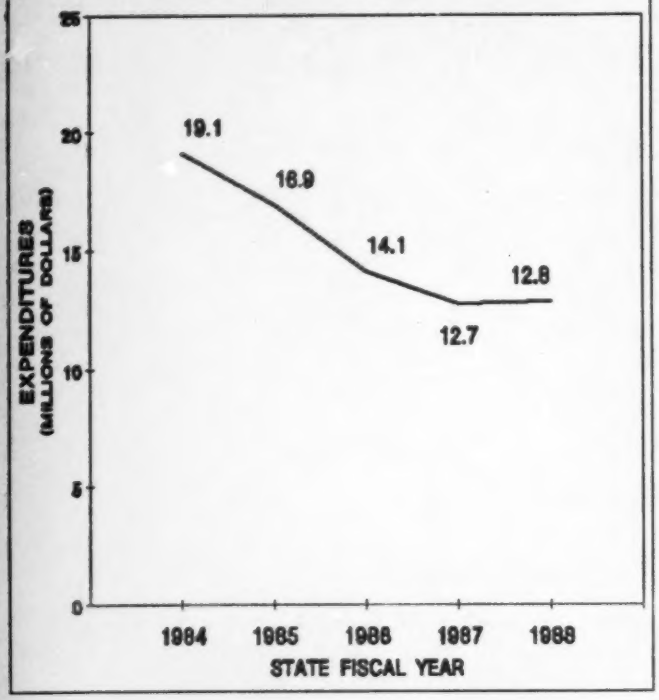
FOOD STAMP PROGRAM

Food Stamp expenditures for the first three quarters of SFY 1988 equaled $12.8 million; a 1.1% increase over the previous year. This represents the only Food Stamp spending increase since SFY 1984 (Figure 5). The increase can be attributed to a higher average payment level which was only partially offset by reduced caseloads.

FIGURE 5

FOOD STAMP EXPENDITURES

JULY - MARCH: SFY 1984 - SFY 1988



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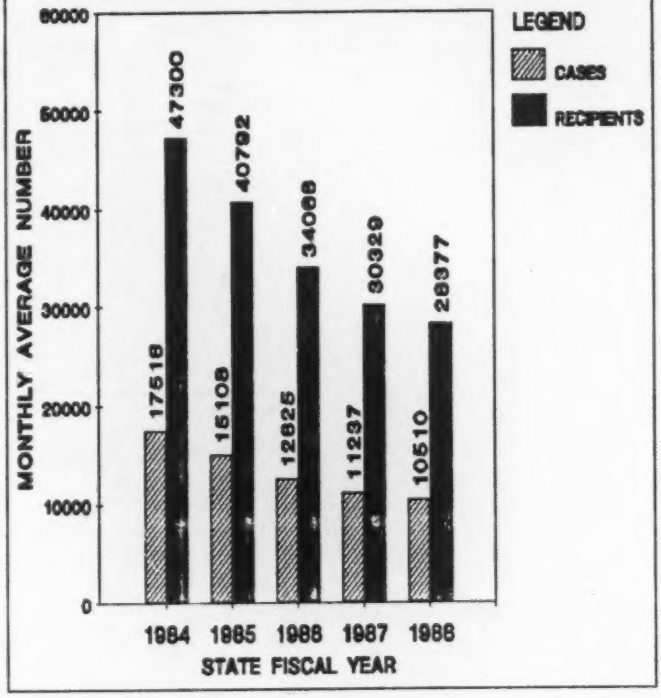
FOOD STAMP PARTICIPATION

JULY - MARCH: SFY 1984 - SFY 1988



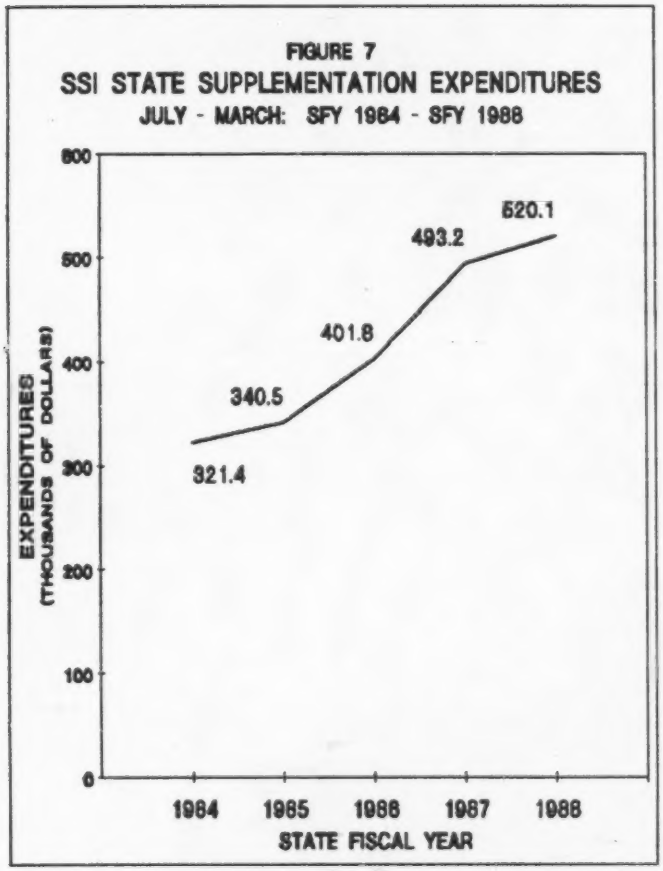
Both the average monthly caseload (10,510) and the average monthly number of recipients (28,377) continued to decline, approximately 6.5% between SFY 1987 and SFY 1988 (Figure 6). In contrast, the average payment per recipient increased 8.0% (from $46.80 to 50.21). This increase in the average payment is partially attributable to a 7% increase in Food Stamp benefits which became effective in October 1987.

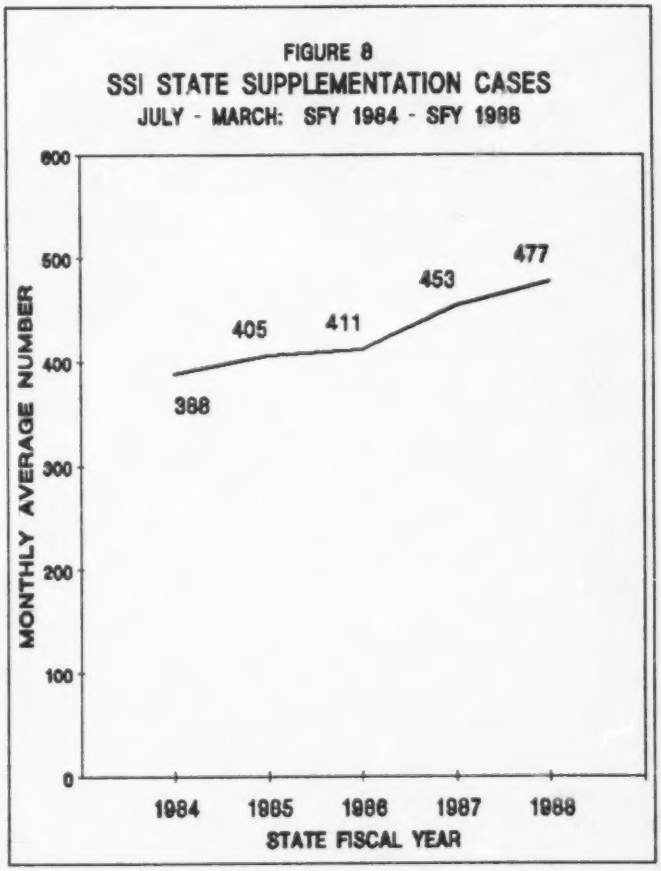
SSI PROGRAM

Total SSI expenditures, unlike those of the other programs discussed, have steadily increased since SFY 1984. However, this rate of increase has slowed during the past year. Total spending increased 3.4% (to $13.7 million) during the first three quarters of SFY 1988 as compared to the same period in SFY 1987. This reflects a 1.0% increase in the average monthly number of recipients and a 2.3% increase in the average payment per recipient.

SSI Federal cases, cases receiving part or all of their benefits from Federal sources, constitute the major component of the SSI program and exhibited similar changes to those mentioned above. The average number of recipients increased 0.8%, while average payment per recipient rose 2.5% (reflecting a 4.2% increase in the Federal Benefit Rate effective in January 1988). As a result, total expenditures increased 3.3% to $13.2 million.

Expenditures for the SSI State Supplementation program totaled $520,111 for the first nine months of SFY 1988. This represents an increase of 5.5% over the previous year. Moreover, total payments rose 61.8% between SFY 1984 and SFY 1988 (Figure 7). SFY 1988 increases are primarily the result of a 5.3% increase in the average monthly number of recipients; from 453 to 477 (Figure 8). However, rising expenditures in SFY 1986 and SFY 1987 were also associated with increases in the average payment level. Average monthly payments remained stable at roughly $121 per recipient between SFY 1987 and SFY 1988.





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